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Grant of lands to political sufferers.

* 15 *Q.*—Sri Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 8-50 a.m.

(*a*) the number of political sufferers who applied for land in Madras State;

(*b*) how many were granted, how many were rejected and how many were pending by the time the order to stop the grant of land to political sufferers was issued;

(*c*) how many ex-legislators and present legislators were granted lands as political sufferers; and

(*d*) how many of the present Cabinet members were granted land as political sufferers?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Up to the end of 30th April 1952, i.e., immediately before the scheme of grant of lands to political sufferers was withdrawn by the present Government, 22,193 applications for land grant had been received from political sufferers. Eleven thousand, four hundred and seven political sufferers were granted lands and 7,036 applications were rejected. Three thousand, seven hundred and fifty applications were pending disposal on 30th April 1952.

" (*c*) Eighty-four ex-legislators and 40 present legislators were among those who took up assignment of lands.

" (*d*) No member of the Cabinet was assigned any land after he became Minister. Four of the present Ministers had taken up assignment of lands under this scheme long before this Government took charge and one of them has now relinquished it."

Sri Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI:—" May I know who are those who are still holding these lands, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" If the hon. Member is anxious and curious to know it he may put a separate question."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of the ex-legislators and present legislators who have had the benefit of assignment of lands as political sufferers? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I do not think it will be of any topical value to furnish the information, Sir. A long time has since elapsed."

Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO:—" అధ్యక్షా, మంత్రిగారు తమ ప్రభుత్వము వచ్చినవెంటనే ఆ orders రద్దుచేస్తామని చెప్పుతున్నారు. కాని, ఇప్పటికి ఒక సంవత్సరము అయిన తరువాతకూడ, వీటి గురించి అనేక తగాదాలు (disputes) ఎప్పటి కప్పుడు వస్తున్నాయి. ఈ litigation అభివృద్ధికాకుండ, ఇప్పటికైనా వారికిచ్చిన పట్టాలు రద్దు చేస్తారా ప్రభుత్వము అని అడుగుతున్నాను."

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That is not legally possible."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఇప్పటికి పట్టాలు ఇచ్చినటువంటి రాజకీయ బాధితులలో mill-owners, black-marketeers, మరియు భూస్వాములు ఎంతమంది ఉన్నారో, వారి percentage చెప్పగలరా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member seems to know more about black-marketeers and others than I do."

SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI :—" ఆ మంత్రుల పేర్లు చెప్పడానికి మరొక ప్రశ్న వేయమని మంత్రిగారు చెప్పారు కాని, కనీసము రెవిన్యూ మంత్రిగారైనా ఆ listలో ఉన్నారేమో చెప్పగలరా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. I am not a political sufferer." (Laughter.)

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" ప్రభుత్వముయొక్క G.O. ల ననుసరించియే, బీద వాళ్లు ఈ భూములమీద చాలా డబ్బు ఖర్చుచేసి చాలా బాధపడ్డారు. కాని ఇప్పుడు ఏమి భూములు ఇవ్వడంలేదని అంటే, వారికి ఇందుకుగాను నష్టపరిహారము ఇవ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఆలోచిస్తుందా ?"

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Some of the poor cultivators have spent some money over the lands. When the Government assign those lands to political sufferers, will they not give those poor people at least some compensation ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the political sufferers are really poor there is no difficulty because they will get lands as poor people or landless people and not as political sufferers."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" May I know how many from the Communist Party applied for lands and how many of them were granted lands ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I must make an enquiry about it, Sir." (Laughter.)

DR. P. VARADARAJULU NAIDU :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the Congress political sufferers never expected any reward or demanded lands from the Government but the Government themselves volunteered to offer them lands? Are the Government also aware of the fact that most of the applications that went to the Collectors for takkavi loans were rejected on the ground that their lands were not worth even Rs. 500 . . . . ?" (Interruption.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member is making a speech on the Congress policy with regard to political sufferers. The hon. Member is not putting any question."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is only putting a question. He began by asking ' Are the Government aware of the fact : . . .' The hon. Member merely wants to know whether the information he is giving is a fact or not."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I do not mind if the Chair thinks that the hon. Member is putting a question. But in reality the hon. Member is making a speech ! "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Speaker is here to say whether it is a question or not."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As regards the first part of the question, the hon. Member's statement is entirely right, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What is the present policy of Government with regard to assignment of lands to political sufferers ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The policy has been stated time and again. I may again repeat it here. First priority is given to landless poor and if a political sufferer happens to be a poor landless person he will also get the land."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ విషయములో ప్రభుత్వమునకు ఎన్నో మహజర్లు, తీర్మానాలు వచ్చినాయనే సంగతి, ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్ర కాంగ్రెసు కమిటి అధ్యక్షుడు, సంజీవ రెడ్డి, తనకిచ్చినటువంటి భూమిని ఇదివరకు వ్యవసాయము చేయలేదనే విషయము ప్రభుత్వము ఎరుగునా? కనుక, ఈ భూమిని ఇంతవరకు ఎవరు వ్యవసాయము చేస్తున్నారో వారికి ఇప్పిస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member being his brother-in-law seems to know more details than what I am aware of." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ రాజకీయ బాధితులకు ఇచ్చినటువంటి భూములను చాలామంది రాజకీయ భాధితులు, అసలు వాటిని వ్యవసాయము చేయకుండానే వదలిపెడుతున్నారనే విషయము ప్రభుత్వమునకు తెలుసునా ? అటువంటి భూములను ప్రభుత్వమువారినుండి వెనుకకు తీసుకొంటుందా ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the hon. Member brings to the notice of Government any specific instance, Government will certainly consider it."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్ర కాంగ్రెసు కమిటీ అధ్యక్షునికి ఇచ్చినటువంటి భూమిని వారు సాగుచేయడంలేదని వారి బావమరది, నాగిరెడ్డి, ధృడంగా చెప్పగలరా ? "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" చెప్పగలనండి."